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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ TO U.S.

REF: LISBON 4521

1. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE FOR ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ
TO MEET WITH DOD REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS
THE PORTUGUESE MAY HAVE WITH SCHEDULED OR PROGRAMMED
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EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES. IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE
DURING EITHER THE SECOND OR FOURTH WEEK OF JULY, BUT WE
WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS THE SCHEDULE CAN BE WORKED OUT.
YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER OFFERED EITHER TO
HAVE THE USG RECEIVE A PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE HERE
OR TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO PORTUGAL TO RESOLVE
PROBLEMS WITH SCHEDULED DELIVERIES. OUR OFFER TO SEND A

REPRESENTATIVE STILL STANDS SHOULD THE GOP DECIDE NOT TO
SEND SOUTO CRUZ TO THE U.S.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM SOUTO CRUZ THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S REMARKS DURING THE SUMMIT BILATERAL DEALT ONLY
WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS ALREADY BUDGETED, AND
THAT U.S. OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
U.S. EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES BEYOND THE FY 79 PROGRAM ALREADY

REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS ANY IDEAS THE PORTUGUESE MAY HAVE FOR GENERATING
GREATER SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER NATO ALLIES FOR THE
ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

3. WE NEED MORE CLARIFICATION ON THE REFERENCE TO
QUOTE TOPICS RELATED TO PAPERS EMANATING FROM THE NATO
SUMMIT CONCERNING INDUSTRIES, STORAGE FACILITIES, AND
ANCILLARY ITEMS FOR NATO SUPPORT UNQUOTE. PERHAPS
AMBASSADOR CAN PROVIDE THAT AMPLIFICATION WHEN HE
ARRIVES.

4. FYI: REFTTEL IMPLIES THAT PORTUGUESE BELIEVE THAT
WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE NEW COMMITMENTS FOR
GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE SHARE EMBASSY'S CONCERN
OVER FUELING UNREALISTIC PORTUGUESE EXPECTATIONS OF
ADDITIONAL GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, AND BELIEVE THAT
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THE PROPER CONTEXT FOR SOUTO CRUZ' VISIT SHOULD BE
ESTABLISHED IN ADVANCE. VANCE

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